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1. The airfield, about 2.5x3 to 4 km, is about 4 to 8 km east of Kirovabad (40°41'N/46°22'E), Azerbaijan SSR, 4 to 6 km south of the road to Baku (40°25'N/49°50'E) and just south of a tank training area. The landing field was approximately 1x1.5 km and, toward the south, almost reached the spur of the Armenian mountain-chain. There were no concrete runways, hangars or railroad sidings. No construction work was in progress. The landing field was serviceable after heavy rain because the sub-soil was rocky. The field was a typical military field.
2. There were two aircraft repair tents, other tents for workshops, kitchen and signal equipment, and about 40 to 50 tents used as living quarters.
3. From observations made while the unit assembled, the field was occupied by about 200 to 300 ground personnel, 150 to 200 flying personnel, and 100 to 150 AA personnel. The staff seemed to be quartered in the adjacent tank barracks because some soldiers were trucked from the barracks to the field daily.
4. Three fuel dumps of 10 to 15 tank trucks and several hundred fuel drums, and dumps for AA, bombing and infantry ammunition were at the field. Light and heavy bombs were observed. Some of them seemed to be practice bombs since loading in the bomb racks was practiced by means of devices operated by four men.
5. A cable about 6 to 7 cm in diameter was laid around the landing field in a concrete groove approximately 40 to 50 cm deep. The cable had sockets for boundary lamps.
6. AAA and machine gun emplacements were located around the field.
7. The field was occupied by approximately 250 to 300 aircraft, about two thirds of which were fighters and the rest bombers. Individual and formation flights, firing at sleeve targets and bombing were practiced.
8. Another airfield with about six hangars was about 10 to 12 km east of this field, north of the Kirovabad-Baku railroad line. From the aircraft parked there the field appeared to be an aircraft park.

Attachment: Sketch of Kirovabad airfield.

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Legend:

I - Airfield

- a - Parking site.
- b - About 40 or 50 tents.
- c - Flight control station (tower).
- d - Cable around landing field.
- e - Fuel dump.
- f - Bomb dump.
- g - Landing site for aircraft.
- h - Parking site for bombers.
- i - Parking site for fighters.

II - Tank training field.

- a - Ammunition dumps.

III - Firing range.

IV - Tank barracks.

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